



# Rendezvous Spring 2008–Winter 2009

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# Welcome To Voyageurs National Park

## A Letter from the Superintendent

A recent satellite photo of North America at night shows a dazzling spray of lights around the Great Lakes and extending from the Twin Cities to Minnesota’s iron range and northward. Just beyond the glow of the grid, Voyageurs National Park lies under a natural night sky.

In the heart of the park you can lie stretched out on one of the oldest rocks on earth and gaze up at nature’s light show in a sharply clear sky. I did this last fall on a three-day trek along the Cruiser Lake trail. My companions and I saw only one other party in the interior of the park. We camped and hiked in a solitude that was never lonely. We passed lakes that had no names; lakes with tawny boulders rising from the water like giant loaves of bread; long flowages disturbed only by the slap of a beaver’s tail.

Apart from its sheer beauty, the Kabetogama peninsula reveals the drama of nature’s forces at work. We passed forest glades where fire had done its renewing work and windrows of dead and fractured trees sheared off by straight line winds that tore through ridges and valleys. The ridges themselves, high above the lakes, bear the marks of glaciers moving on bedrock, like fingers drawn through sand.

In the course of a day’s hike, we passed through many environments—bogs, boreal forest, mixed hardwoods, oak savannah, shorelines and cliffs. The landscape spoke of endurance, fragility, and change. We need to hear what this landscape, aquatic and terrestrial, is telling us in a time of unprecedented influx of non-native species and accelerated global climate change.

Visitors to the park will find again this year that private watercraft cannot be permitted in the interior lakes, though the park makes canoes available for a modest fee. The “artificial bait only” and other new requirements for fishing in the interior lakes will help inhibit the spread of invasive species in the park and preserve the special opportunities for anglers on these lakes. We ask your help in protecting our forest. Please enjoy



Photo: Kate Miller

## A SPECIAL PLACE

Voyageurs National Park was authorized by an Act of Congress on January 8, 1971 (84 Stat. 1971) “to preserve, for the inspiration and enjoyment of present and future generations, the outstanding scenery, geological conditions and waterway system which constituted a part of the historic route of the voyageurs who contributed significantly to the opening of the Northwestern United States.” The park was established on April 8, 1975.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**How many acres are in Voyageurs?**

218,054 acres

**How many acres of land are in Voyageurs?**

134,000 acres

**How many acres of water are in Voyageurs?**

84,000 acres

Water dominates the landscape with 4 major lakes and 26 interior lakes

**How much shoreline is in Voyageurs?**

655 miles

**How many islands are there in Voyageurs?**

Over 500

**What is the best way to see Voyageurs?**

Once visitors arrive at one of the park’s four entry points (boat launches), most leave their cars behind and set out by water, much as the voyageurs did centuries ago. Visitors can take a regularly scheduled boat tour, North Canoe Voyage or canoe program (see page 4) or bring their own watercraft.

**Where can I drive in the park?**

Visitors can drive to the 3 visitor centers and then must hike, take a boat tour, canoe program or launch their own boat. There is a 7 mile Rainy Lake Ice Road that is plowed for visitors during the winter months.

**Where can I see wildlife?**

Visitors have the best opportunity to view the park’s large wildlife on the Kabetogama peninsula on a back country hike. Visitors have the opportunity to see bald eagles, white-tailed deer, black bear and many of the park’s smaller animals by watercraft.

**Where can I stay in the park?**

Summer lodging is available at the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Voyageurs provides boat camping opportunities throughout the park. The gateway communities of Ash River and Kabetogama have accommodations available. Car camping is available at the Woodenfrog State Forest Campground and Ash River State Forest Campground (see map on page 8-9).

**Where can I find the watercraft launches?**

Launch ramps are located near the park’s Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers and Crane Lake Ranger Station. A designated canoe and kayak launch area is located near the Ash River Visitor Center. Sandy beaches suitable for launching canoes and kayaks in the park are also located near the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center boat launch and at the Woodenfrog State Forest Campground beach.

## THE PARK’S MISSION

Voyageurs National Park preserves the landscapes and scenic waterways that shaped the route of the North American fur traders and defined the border between the United States and Canada. The park and its diverse resources provide outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreations, scientific study, sport fishing, education, and appreciation of the northwoods lakecounty setting.



## Getting to the Park

Roads approach the park from four points along U.S. 53 between Duluth and International Falls. There is scheduled airline service to International Falls, and Hibbing, Minnesota and Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada. Car rentals are available at airports. Transportation and lodging are also available at the park’s gateway communities.

## EMERGENCIES Call 911

Cellular phones MAY NOT work in the park.  
Payphones are near all visitor centers.

Park rangers monitor marine band 16 for emergencies during business hours.



# Special Places, Special Events and Special People

## HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?

### Free Activities in 1 Hour or Less



15  
minutes

- Watch the award winning park film at any visitor center
- Stamp your park passport at any visitor center
- Take a photo of the beautiful scenery



30  
minutes

- Talk to a park ranger
- Shop in a bookstore at any visitor center
- Watch the Life of a Voyageur video at any park visitor center
- Walk around the grounds at any visitor center to view the park's scenic landscape



45  
minutes

- Explore interactive exhibits at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
- Browse through the Rainy Lake Visitor Center exhibits



60  
minutes

- Picnic in the park
- Attend a Voyageurs Adventures for Kids program
- Hike the Oberholtzer trail near the Rainy Lake Visitor Center
- Hike the Echo Bay trail near Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
- Hike the Forest Overlook and the Kabetogama Lake Overlook near the Ash River Visitor Center

Do you have more than 1 hour? See information below and program schedule on page 4.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### National Park Week – April, 2009

Celebrate next spring with us during National Park Week in April. Kids are invited to enter the 6th annual Kid's Art Contest. The entire family will enjoy special activities at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Visit the park's website in early 2009 for updates.

### Summer Special Speaker Series – Mid-June through mid-August, 2008

Join us at the historic Woodenfrog State Forest Refectory for a special presentation about the park. Call (218) 875-2111 for a schedule.

### Kabetogama Lake

Join the Kabetogama Lake community for the 2008 Land of the Ladyslipper Arts and Crafts Festival – July 11 - 13. Special boat tours and North Canoe programs will be offered during this event.

### Rainy Lake

Join the Ranier community for its 100th Anniversary celebration. Special North Canoe programs will be offered during this event.

### 2009 Winter Programs – Mid-January through mid-March

Programs are held at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873, Wed. - Sun. for a schedule or visit [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya).

## Little American Gold Mine Island

Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities from the 1890s Rainy Lake gold rush. Naturalist-guided boat tours to Little American Island depart from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see program schedule on page 4).

Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this visitor destination on your own.



## SPECIAL PLACES



## Kettle Falls Hotel and Dam

Built in the early 1900s, the historic Kettle Falls Hotel attracted a transient community of people, including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers and tourists.

Long before the hotel and dam were built, Ojibwe Indians and voyageurs portaged their birch bark canoes and trade goods on this narrow strip of land between Rainy and Namakan Lakes.

The Kettle Falls Hotel is in Voyageurs National Park and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Kettle Falls Hotel and restaurant continue to welcome visitors each summer.

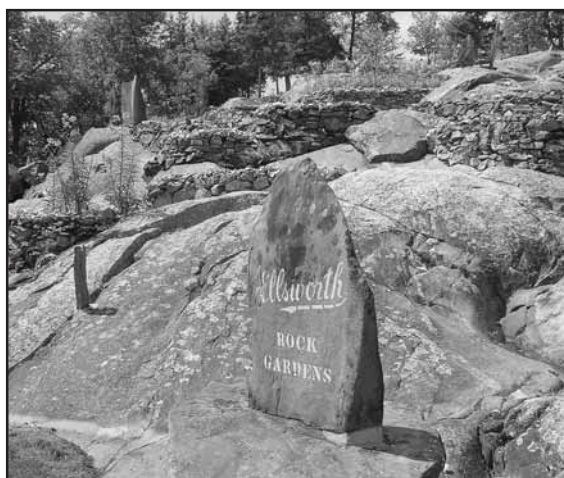
This popular destination is managed by a private concessionaire. Call (218) 240-1726 during the summer and (218) 240-1724 during the winter for more information. You may also visit Kettle Falls on-line at [www.kettlefallshotel.com](http://www.kettlefallshotel.com).

Naturalist-guided boat tours to Kettle Falls depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see program schedule on page 4).

## Ellsworth Rock Gardens

Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden on his vacation property on Kabetogama Lake from 1944 to 1965. Mr. Ellsworth designed terraces containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,000 lilies bloomed during the garden's peak. Voyageurs National Park acquired this property years ago, and began work to rehabilitate the gardens in 1996.

The Ellsworth Rock Gardens are accessible only by water. Picnic facilities and a bathroom are located at this popular visitor destination. Naturalist-guided boat tours depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to bring people out to the gardens throughout the summer (see program schedule on page 4). Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this visitor destination on your own.



## SPECIAL PEOPLE

Kids are special people too. Kids can become Junior Rangers, make and take a souvenir at any of the children's tables located at each visitor center, participate in a Voyageur Adventures for Kids program or try on voyageur clothing.

### Become a Junior Ranger

Stop by a visitor center to pick up a free copy of the park's Junior Ranger booklet.

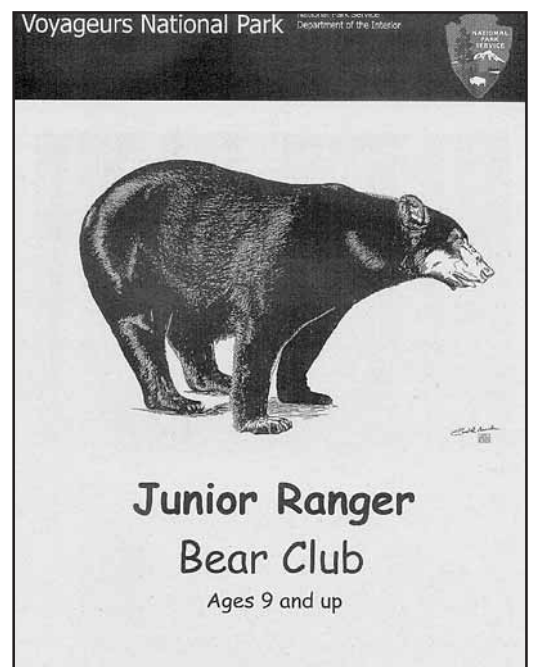
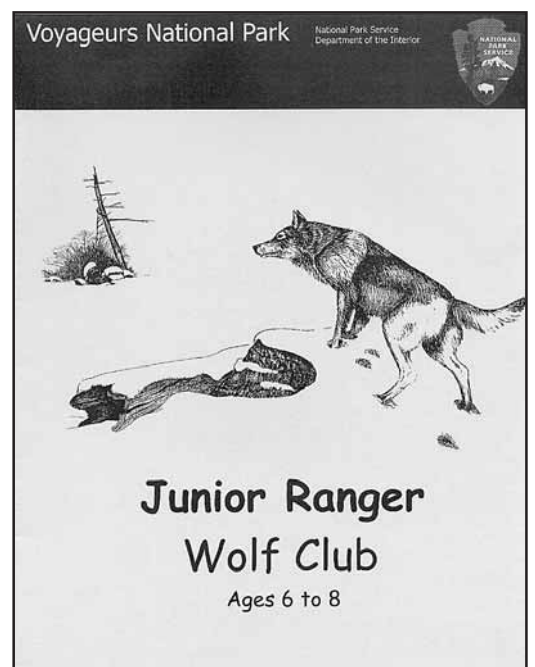
Kids 9 and up can become a member of the Junior Ranger Bear Club, kids 6 to 8 years old can become a member of the Junior Ranger Wolf Club and kids 5 and under can become a member of the Junior Ranger Beaver Club. Each child will earn a badge and certificate to take home.

These booklets were made possible by the generous support of Voyageurs National Park Association, the Friends of Voyageurs National Park, Lake States Interpretive Association, the National Park Foundation, Unilever and Ocean Spray.

### Children's Tables

Check it out! There are children's tables at each visitor center with kid friendly activities about the park. Make a voyageur souvenir, color a picture, or stamp an animal track.

The tables and activities are made possible by the generous support of the Friends of Voyageurs National Park.





# 2008 Tour Boat and Naturalist Programs

All tours are subject to change, please call ahead for the current schedule

## Rainy Lake Visitor Center (The Borealis)



= Tour Boat Cruise

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Adult	Child
<b>Gold Mine Tour – June 18 – August 16</b>				1-2:30			1-2:30	\$15	\$12
This tour takes you to Little American Island where you depart from the tour boat with a park naturalist for 1/4 mile walk (handicap accessible) to an historic gold mine.									
<b>Discovery Cruise – June 18 – August 16</b>				3-5		3-5	3-5	\$15	\$12
Discover the wonders and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Rainy Lake in search of abandoned gold mines, abundant wildlife and to an historic commercial fishing camp.									
<b>Grand Tour</b>									
<b>June 15 – August 14</b>	1-3:30		1-3:30		1-3:30			\$20	\$17
<b>August 17 – August 31</b>	1-3:30			1-3:30				\$20	\$17
This tour is a combination of the Discovery and Gold Mine Tour.									
<b>Bald Eagle Watch – June 15 – August 15</b>	11-12:30				11-12:30	1-2:30		\$15	\$12
This tour takes you to active bald eagle nests. Visitors have the opportunity to see eagles and their young on this tour. Bring your camera!									
<b>Blueberry Safari – July 22 &amp; 29 only</b>			10 – 12					\$15	\$12
Board the park’s tour boat, the Borealis, and cruise a short distance to the Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail. Hike 1.2 miles (round trip) with a park naturalist while looking for and munching on wild blueberries.									
<b>North Canoe Voyage – June 20 – August 15</b>						9:30-11 & 12-1:30	9:30-11 & 12-1:30	\$4	\$2
Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the voyageur paddle salute and explore the life of a voyageur. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservations recommended.									
<b>Explore by Canoe – June 15 – August 14</b>	2-4				2-4			Free	Free
Enjoy a tranquil canoe trip while keeping an eye out for wildlife. We provide lessons, paddles, canoes and life jackets. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservations recommended.									
<b>Voyageurs Adventures for Kids</b>									
<b>July 1, 15, 29, August 5</b>			11-12					Free	Free
Kids meet at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to explore the world of Voyageurs National Park with a park naturalist.									

## Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (The Otter)



= Tour Boat Cruise

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Adult	Child
<b>Kettle Falls Cruise</b>									
<b>June 15 – August 15</b>	11-4:30		11-4:30		11-4:30	11-4:30		\$40	\$23
<b>August 16 – September 20</b>							11-4:30	\$40	\$23
Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel and Dam. Spend 2 hours dining at the hotel or enjoying a picnic lunch, and then exploring the area or relaxing on the verandah. Tour fees do not include meals.									
<b>Ellsworth Rock Gardens Tour</b>									
<b>June 16 – August 13</b>		11-12:30, 1-2:30		11-12:30				\$15	\$12
<b>August 18 – August 27</b>		11-12:30		11-12:30				\$15	\$12
Board the park’s tour boat, the Otter, and cruise a short distance to Ellsworth Rock Gardens. Join a park naturalist on a tour of the historic site by viewing unique rock sculptures and exploring the winding paths.									
<b>Lost Bay Adventure – June 18 – August 13</b>				1-4				\$20	\$17
Cruise the islands of Kabetogama Lake on the way to Lost Bay. Depart the boat and hike one mile (round trip) into the park’s backcountry to Agnes Lake. Hiking shoes, bug spray and long pants recommended.									
<b>North Canoe Voyage – June 16 – August 12</b>		9:30-11 & 12-1:30	9:30-11 & 12-1:30					\$4	\$2
See description above. Meet at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.									
<b>Explore by Canoe – June 19 – August 9</b>					9:30-11		9:30-11	Free	Free
See description above. Meet at Woodenfrog boat launch ramp.									
<b>Voyageurs Adventure for Kids – June 17 – August 12</b>			2-3					Free	Free
See description above. Meet at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.									
<b>Special Speaker Series – June 20 – August 15</b>						7-8 pm		Free	Free
Join us at the historic Woodenfrog State Forest Refectory building for a special program about the park.									

## Ash River Visitor Center

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Adult	Child
<b>North Canoe Voyage – June 18 – August 13</b>				1-2:30 & 3-4:30				\$4	\$2
See description above. Meet at Ash River Visitor Center.									

### TOUR BOAT AND NORTH CANOE RESERVATIONS

#### How to make a reservation from June 7 – August 31, 2008

All tours are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule changes. A minimum of 4 passengers are required for all tours with the exception of the Kettle Falls Tours which require a minimum of 6 passengers.

Call (888) 381-2873 to make a reservation for scheduled tour boat, Explore by Canoe and North Canoe trips. The reservation line is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Adult fees cover ages 17 and up, child fees cover ages 3-16, infants 2 and under are free.

A credit card is required to make reservations in advance. If you do not make advance

reservations you may pay at the boat if space is available. If all seats have been paid for in advance, then no walk-on passengers will be accepted. Refunds will be issued ONLY if advance reservations are canceled at least 24 hours before the scheduled tour departs. No refunds will be issued if less than 24 hours notice is given.

FEDERAL SENIOR PASS and ACCESS PASS holders are eligible for a discount on park-oper-



ated tour boat and North Canoe fees. To receive the discounted rate you must provide the number on your federal Senior Pass or federal Access Pass when making an advance reservation over the phone.

If paying at the boat you must have a federal Senior Pass or Access Pass in your possession to receive the discount. No discount will be applied if you do not present your Senior Pass or Access Pass when paying. No discounts can be applied once the tour has started.

If paying by personal check you are required to provide your social security number if the amount due is over \$50. If you do not wish to provide your social security number you may pay with cash or credit card. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for payment.

### How to make reservations for tours departing after September 1, 2008

This information applies to those individuals who make reservations for tours after September 1. Call the respective visitor center where your tour departs. To reach Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center call (218) 875-2111. To reach Rainy Lake Visitor Center call (888) 381-2873 or (218) 286-5258.

Credit cards are NOT accepted after August 31. Cash or check only (correct change is appreciated). All federal Senior Pass and federal Access Pass and refund information continues to apply at this time.

# Hiking Trails in the Park

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## WANT TO RENT A WATERCRAFT?

Experience the solitude of a remote interior lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula without having to portage a boat or canoe.

The National Park Service provides canoes and/or rowboats on several interior lakes for a fee of \$10 per boat, per day.

There are no canoe or rowboat rentals at the visitor centers.

The Kabetogama Peninsula can only be accessed by water, so you will need to use your own boat, reserve a spot on the park’s shuttle to Locator Lake (see information below) or reserve a water taxi service (see page 14-15) to access the trails that lead to the park’s interior lakes.

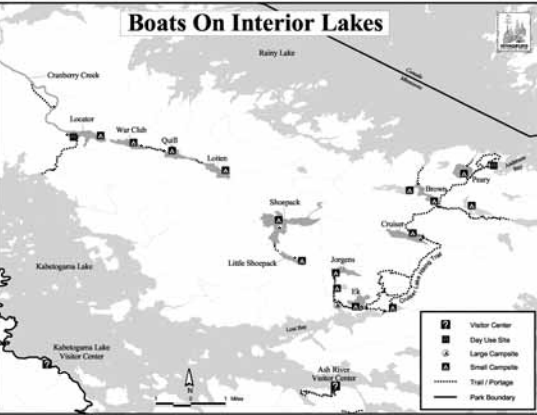
Interior Lake canoes and/or rowboats are located on the following lakes: (see map insert)

1) Locator, 2) Quill, 3) Ek, 4) Cruiser, 5) Little Shoepack, 6) Shoepack, 7) Cranberry Creek, 8) Brown, 9) Peary

Reservations are required and may be made up to one week in advance. Call (218) 875-2111 to request a reservation for lakes # 1-6, and call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873 for # 7-9. Walk-in reservations are accepted at the Rainy Lake and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Centers when space is available.

Several local businesses also rent canoes & kayaks for the park’s large lakes (see pages 14-15 for details).

Please note, to prevent the spread of spiny waterfleas, new interim park regulations do not allow you to bring your own watercraft into interior park lakes.



## NEED A SHUTTLE TO LOCATOR TRAILHEAD?

June 16-August 13, Monday and Wednesday

Voyageurs National Park is offering a regularly scheduled shuttle service to Locator Lake trailhead. Hike 2 miles, one way to the interior lakes. Once there, canoes are available for use ONLY if reserved in advance. Reservations are required for the shuttle. Call (888) 381-2873 to reserve your spot. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for the shuttle to go. Adults \$20, Child \$20. A reservation for a shuttle service does not guarantee you a reservation for a canoe rental. To request a reservation for a canoe rental, call the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (218) 875-2111 and see the information on watercraft rentals above.



## ROCK CAIRNS

Many of the trails in the park are marked with rock cairns. If you see a rock cairn, please respect that it is a trail marker for visitors to find their way and do not destroy.

### WATER ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible only by boat)

Pets are NOT allowed on park trails.

Trail Description	Difficulty	Hiking Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
<b>RAINY LAKE</b>			
<b>1</b> Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail This trailhead is located across Black Bay, north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. This trail takes you through northern pine country to a scenic and active beaver pond.	Moderate	1.18 miles, roundtrip	1 hour
<b>2</b> Anderson Bay Trail The trailhead is located on the east end of Rainy Lake just past the Kempton channel. This trail takes you up a rocky cliff to a spectacular view of Rainy Lake.	Moderate	1.75 mile loop	2 hours
<b>3</b> Little American Island Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the history of gold mining activities. Today mine shafts, tailings, piles & machinery remain from the 1890s gold rush. Experience this as a Naturalist-led program or on your own with self-guided wayside exhibits and brochures.	Easy	.25 loop	20 minutes

### KABETOGRAMA LAKE

<b>4</b> Cruiser Lake Trail This trailhead is accessible from either Rainy or Kabetogama Lake side of the park. This trail crosses over the peninsula, up rocky cliffs and down into remote wetland areas. If you are hoping to spot some of the park’s larger wildlife, hiking this trail will increase your chances of spotting a moose or hearing the howl of a wolf.	Strenuous	9.5 miles, one way	6 to 8 hours
<b>5</b> Locator Lake Trail The trailhead is located across Kabetogama Lake north from the visitor center. This trail takes you up and down a variety of hills and through forests and wetlands.	Strenuous	2 miles, one way	2 hours

### NAMAKAN LAKE

<b>6</b> Beast Lake Trail This trail climbs the majority of the way along a ridge top. A steep climb at the beginning and at the end awaits the adventurous.	Moderate	2.5 miles, one way	2 hours
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### LAND ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible by car)

Trail Description	Difficulty	Hiking Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
<b>7</b> Oberholtzer Trail Travel from just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to two overlooks to see the diversity of forest and wetland types in Voyageurs National park. This trail is wheelchair accessible for the first 1/4 mile. This trail is tracked for snowshoeing during the winter.	Easy	1.7 miles	45 minutes
<b>8</b> Echo Bay Trail This park trail is located 3 miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center off County Road 122. A wide path takes you from aspens to pines as you pass through lowlands and rocky outcrops. Birding is great there with a great blue heron rookery and sightings from warblers to woodpeckers. Bring your binoculars, bug spray, and a sense of adventure. Sections of this trail are groomed for skiing in the winter months.	Easy	2.5 mile loop	2 hours
<b>9</b> Kab-Ash Trail This trail connects the Kabetogama and Ash River communities. Travel through backcountry forests and wetlands on this extensive system of interconnected trails. Four trailheads make it possible to hike sections of this trail or the whole trail for an in depth view of the park.	Strenuous	27.87 mile system	Days
<b>10</b> Blind Ash Bay Trail Park at the Kabetogama Lake Overlook near the Ash River Visitor Center to access the trailhead. Travel a narrow, winding rocky trail to experience the wonders of the boreal forest and to view spectacular scenery.	Moderate	2.5 mile loop	2.5 hours

### Overlooks

<b>11</b> Beaver Pond Overlook This is the second trailhead on your right as you leave the Ash River Visitor Center. A short uphill hike leads to a rocky terrace high above a beaver pond. Although beavers are no longer active at this pond, this trail provides great birding opportunities, and the possibility of spotting large wildlife.	Moderate	0.2 mile, one way	30 minutes
<b>12</b> Voyageurs Forest Overlook The entrance to this short trail is furthest from the Ash River Visitor Center, and is located on the left side of the park road just before reaching County Road 129. A picnic table and restroom are located at the trailhead, making this a good spot to get out of your car and stretch your legs.	Easy	0.5 mile loop	30 minutes
<b>13</b> Kabetogama Lake Overlook This is the third pullout on your left as you are driving to the Ash River Visitor Center. This short walk is handicap assessible and will take you to a wayside that looks west towards Kabetogama Lake.	Easy	0.2 mile one way	20 minutes



Where’s the Wildlife?

Voyageurs has hundreds of fascinating species of flora and fauna that live here seasonally and year-round. No matter when you visit, there is never enough time to see it all. Why not visit several different seasons to really feel the wonder of this ever-changing land?

JANUARY

Drive along the park’s Rainy Lake Ice Road and watch for tracks of wolves, bald eagles, red fox, and common ravens around a winter kill.

FEBRUARY

Look for moose crossing frozen lake surfaces.



MARCH

As the days warm, millions of snowfleas or springtails pepper the snow. Look closely for these minute insects that scavenge in the snow, soil and leaf litter.

APRIL

Bears are leaving their winter dens. A hungry sow and her cubs will feed on aspen or willow catkins until the grass grows.

MAY

The cape may warbler returns from tropical winter homes. These colorful boreal forest birds feed on spruce budworm.

Trails Outside the Park – Yet Close Enough to Check Out

Remove this section of the paper for a hiking guide of trails near Voyageurs National Park.

LAND ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible by car)			
Trail Description	Difficulty	Hiking Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
NEAR RAINY LAKE			
1 Tilson Bay Hiking Trail	Moderate	2 mile loop	1.5 hour
This scenic trail is located just outside the park on Highway 11. Parking is available across the street from the trailhead and Tilson Bay boat launch ramp. Leashed dogs are permitted on this trail.			
NEAR CRANE LAKE			
2 Orr Bog Walk	Easy	.25 mile loop	20 minutes
Located behind the Orr Travel Information Center on Highway 53, this short loop trail provides access through a variety of forest and wetland types on a well-maintained boardwalk.			
3 Vermilion Falls	Moderate	.25 mile, one way	20 minutes
A walk on a well-maintained interpretive trail brings you to Vermilion Falls, a cascading torrent of water forced through a 10-foot wide opening in the granite. Two miles before reaching Crane Lake, turn left on U.S.F.S. Road 491. Travel four miles to the trailhead. Leashed pets are allowed on this trail.			
4 Vermilion Gorge Trail	Moderate	3 miles, round trip	1.5 hours
The trail passes over rugged landscape of sheer granite cliffs and rock outcrops while paralleling the Vermilion Gorge. Interpretive signs along the trail describe the history of this area. The trailhead is located 0.1 mile north of the ranger station on the west side of the road in Crane Lake. Leashed pets are allowed on this trail.			

JUNE

When hiking in the woods, look closely on the forest floor for a newly born white-tailed deer. They are silently hidden by their spotted coat.

JULY

Watch for the stealthy stalking of a great blue heron. In a flash they seize crayfish. Herons flip their prey in the air and swallow it headfirst.

AUGUST

Minnesota’s state bird, the common loon, of sharp black and white contrast, turns a dull gray before leaving for open waters.

SEPTEMBER

Maple trees become clothed in scarlet and aspen trees turn shades of gold.

OCTOBER

Tamaracks turn to “smokey gold.” As a deciduous conifer, this unique tree changes color and loses its needles each fall.

NOVEMBER

Cobblestones of ice form on shallow bays. Listen for the ice to crack in the early morning hours.

DECEMBER

Look in the tops of aspen trees for evening and pine grosbeaks. You can often hear them when they use their large crushing beaks to break off buds to eat.





# The Many People Who Make a Difference — Park Partners



**Lake States  
Interpretive  
Association**

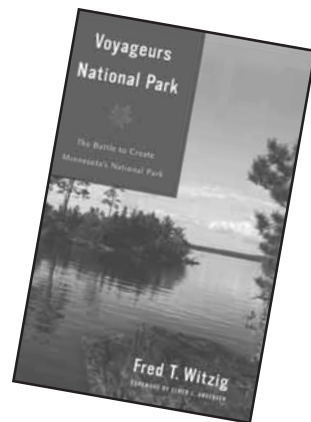
## LAKE STATES INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

The non-profit Lake States Interpretive Association publishes and sells books, maps, posters and other interpretive items at visitor centers in Voyageurs National Park, Chippewa National Forest, and the Lakewood Ranger District in the Nicolet National Forest. You are invited to join Lake States by becoming a member and receiving a discount on purchases and support the education and interpretation of these agencies.

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## Voyageurs National Park Association

What brings you to Voyageurs National Park? Perhaps it is the chance to experience seemingly endless blue lakes and quiet forests. Or to see bald eagles soar and hear timber wolves howl. You can enjoy Voyageurs National Park today because past generations worked hard to protect this extraordinary place. You can help ensure that the park is just as beautiful for future generations by joining Voyageurs National Park Association today.



Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA) was founded in 1965 to help create Voyageurs National Park. VNPA continues today to protect and support the park. For example, we preserve the park from development by raising money to buy private properties inside the boundaries of the park. We directly assist the park by organizing volunteers to help maintain its trails and providing funding for park projects, such as training for crews to restore the Ellsworth Rock Gardens. We also educate decision makers and the public about threats that face the park, such as inadequate budgets, air pollution, and invasive species.

Voyageurs National Park Association relies on members and donors to achieve our mission. With your tax-deductible support, we can do even more. For more information, or to join us today, visit [www.voyageurs.org](http://www.voyageurs.org), email us at [vnpa@voyageurs.org](mailto:vnpa@voyageurs.org) or call (612) 333-5424.



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Voyageurs National Park (FVNP) have helped fishermen “Get the Lead Out” by swapping their lead sinkers for non-toxic ones. They have also provided funds to collect and analyze eaglet blood samples, checking for contaminants such as pesticides. The Friends of Voyageurs National Park have provided funding for all of these projects and many others.



**How do they do it? With help from people like you!** The Friends are a non-profit organization sustained by your tax-deductible donations. The mission of the Friends of Voyageurs National Park is to sponsor outreach that supports natural, historical and educational activities available at Voyageurs National Park.

For more information on how to join the Friends of Voyageurs National Park visit [www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark](http://www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark)



## Volunteers-In-Parks are Very Important People

In 2007 the park benefited from the generous donation of time and talent of 110 people who volunteered over 10,000 hours in

support of park activities. Volunteers assist with education programs, help maintain park trails, assist with park research and monitoring and staff park visitor centers. Opportunities to volunteer at the park range from one day projects to multi-month assignments. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering in the park contact the park's volunteer coordinator at 218-283-6600, or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya).



## Friends of Voyageurs National Park

Have you noticed the action around the children's activity tables at the park visitor centers? Have you hiked the Echo Bay trail, listened to the nickelodeon play at the Kettle Falls Hotel, or attended an evening program at Woodenfrog? Have you borrowed a pair of snowshoes or kids' skis in wintertime at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center? And behind the scenes, the Friends of



## Destination Voyageurs National Park

The mission of Destination Voyageurs National Park (DVNP) is to connect people to Voyageurs National Park via implementation of an

ongoing, comprehensive marketing and public relations campaign that will effectively encourage awareness and result in increased visitation and economic growth. For more information, call 218-283-6600 or visit [www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark](http://www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark)



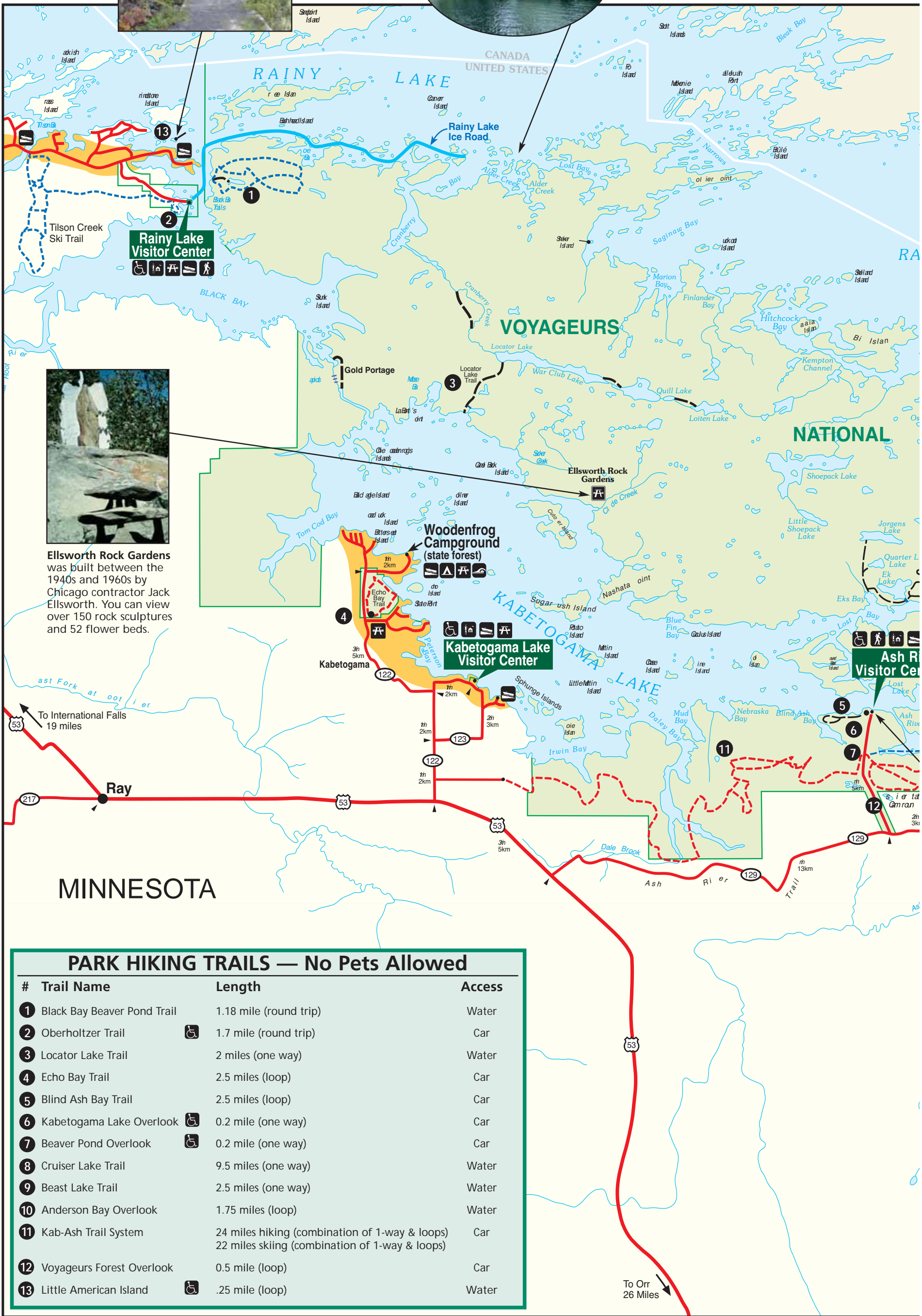
Little American Island's quarter mile loop with exhibits tells the story of the Gold Rush of 1893.



Oveson Fish Camp  
A glimpse of the area's rich commercial fishing tradition.

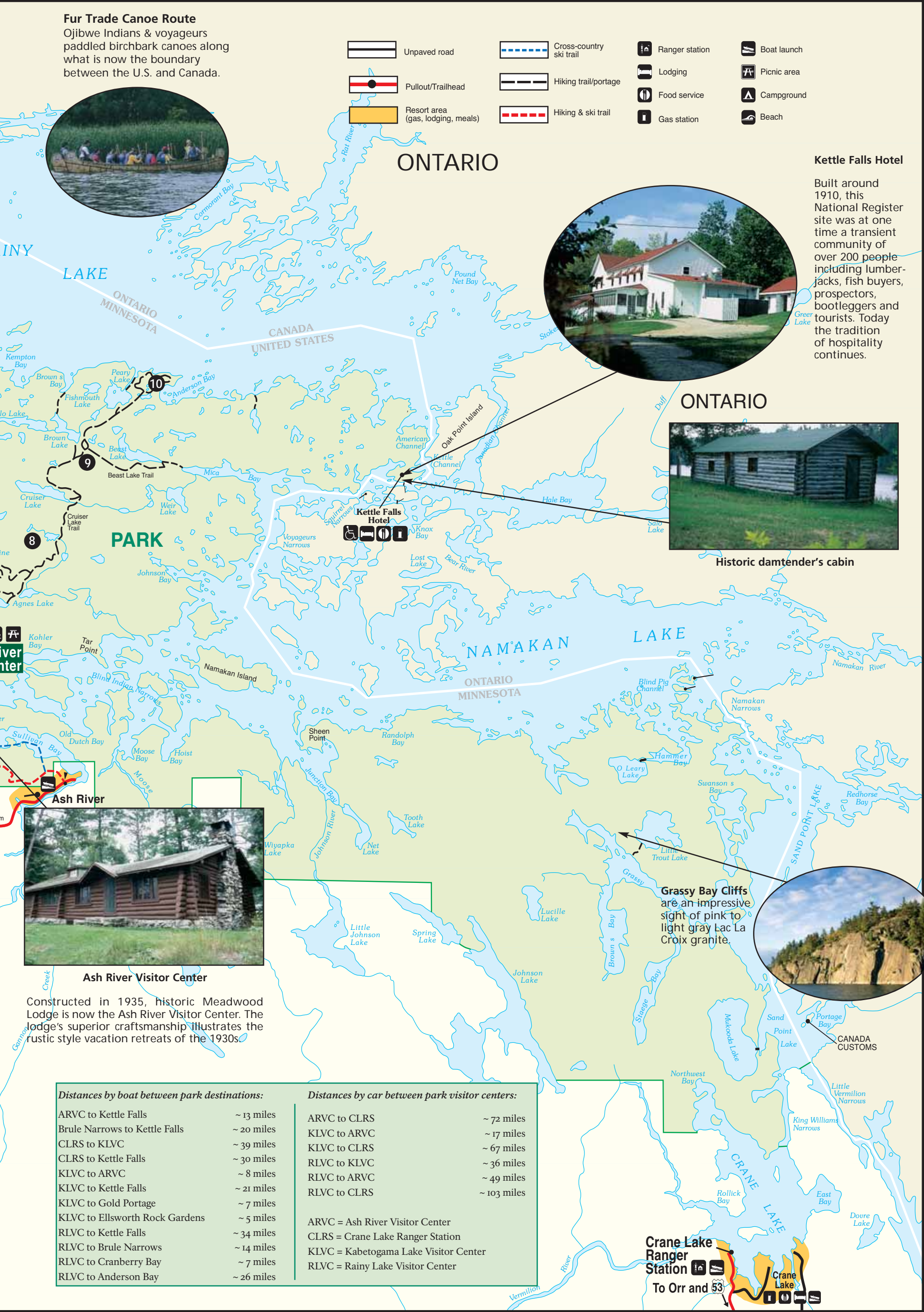


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# Destinations and Trails





# What You Need to Know

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

National Park Rangers enforce a wide spectrum of federal laws and regulations and a variety of state statutes. Familiarize yourself with park rules.

**Do not destroy or collect natural or cultural resources in the park.** For example, do not collect, damage, or destroy any plants, animals, rocks, artifacts, historic objects, flowers, or pine cones. You may harvest up to one gallon of berries for personal consumption.

**Keep the Shade!** Cutting live or dead standing trees is prohibited. Collect only dead AND downed wood.

**Firearms, air spring powered guns, archery equipment, and fireworks are prohibited.**

**Chainsaws are prohibited** except when being used to cut ice fishing holes.

**Pets must be leashed and attended at all times.** Pets are allowed in developed areas (around visitor centers, boat ramps, picnic areas, campsites and houseboat sites) on the four main lakes, and along park entrance roads. Pets are NOT allowed on park trails or in the backcountry. This rule is in place to protect park wildlife and your pet.

**Do not harass or feed wildlife!** Observe wildlife quietly from a distance. Animals need adequate space to feed, nest, and raise young. Do not disturb wildlife, especially breeding or nesting birds, or adult animals with young.

**Store food properly.** Voyageurs is bear country. Make sure you store all smelly items such as toothpaste, sunscreen, food, pet food and deodorant in bear proof food storage lockers or hang from a bear pole or tree.

**DO NOT drink and drive.** Operating an automobile, boat or snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.

**Respect Public Use Closures.** Check at visitor centers and boat ramp bulletin boards for areas that have been closed to protect park visitors, park wildlife, and other sensitive resources. Closed areas are posted with signs.

**Protect Water Quality.** Use comfort stations where facilities are available. Otherwise dispose of human waste by digging a hole at least six inches deep, and at least 100 feet away from shoreline.

**Keep Voyageurs National Park beautiful.** Do not litter. Do not leave trash in the park. If you pack something in, please pack it out. Do not burn garbage at campsites.

**Hunting is not allowed** in Voyageurs National Park.

**Private floatplanes are prohibited on all waters in the park except the four major lakes:** Rainy, Sand Point, Kabetogama and Namakan Lakes. This is to help prevent the spread of the spiny waterflea, an aquatic exotic invasive species.

**A Minnesota fishing license is required to fish in the park.** If you plan to fish in the park get a copy of the Minnesota fishing regulations at area businesses or visitor centers. Know the slot limit (size limit) for the lakes where you will be fishing. Park rangers enforce Minnesota State fishing regulations.

**Know Canadian and U.S. fishing and customs regulations** before you cross the border. For Canadian customs call (807) 274-3655 and for United States customs call (218) 283-0769.

**Swimming, diving, and bathing are prohibited at docks** in developed areas (visitor centers & Kettle Falls). Diving from other park docks is discouraged. Water skiing is prohibited in navigation channels.

**Be Fire Safe!** Extinguish all campfires when unattended. Make sure the fire is out and the ashes are cold before leaving.

**Quiet Time** – Parkwide 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**Firewood restrictions** require visitors to purchase firewood from an approved Minnesota DNR firewood vendor. Firewood may not be brought in from unapproved vendors. This is to protect forest health and prevent the spread of invasive pests. For more information log onto [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)

**Interior Lakes Regulations** are in place to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic exotics. Use artificial bait only, no privately-owned watercraft and no float plane landings are allowed.

## BOATING SAFETY TIPS

Always wear your life jacket –Minnesota state law requires all watercraft (including canoes and kayaks) to have one wearable U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and accessible for each person in the watercraft. The Coast Guard requires all children under 10 years of age to wear a life preserver when in a recreational boat.

All passengers should stay seated within the boat while the boat is moving. Riding on the bow or gunwale is prohibited!

Know where you can re-fuel your boat.

Don't drink & drive. County Sheriff, U.S. Coast Guard staff, and park rangers enforce laws prohibiting boat operations under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Navigation charts are highly recommended.

## THINKING OF DRINKING LAKE WATER?

Always treat lake water before using it for drinking or cooking.

Consider bringing drinking water with you when camping in the park. Otherwise, use a high-quality water filter to remove potential contaminants.

A few words of caution about blue-green algae...

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) advises the public to approach lake areas with blue-green algae blooms with caution. During the right conditions these blooms can be toxic to pets and harmful to people. A blue-green algae bloom that looks like pea soup should be avoided. For detailed information visit the MPCA website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmp-toxicalgae.html>

## SAFE BOATING CHECKLIST

Don't leave it to chance. Plan on having a safe and enjoyable experience by making sure you have these items whenever boating in the park:

- A wearable life preserver readily accessible for each person
- Type IV throwable cushion or ring
- Navigational maps
- Navigation lights at night – use them!
- Whistle or horn
- Anchor, paddles or oars, and lines
- Spare propeller
- Flashlight and first aid kit

## INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Invasive species are plants, animals or diseases that are not native to the local ecosystem and that are likely to cause harm to the economy, to the environment, or to human health.

The park's forests, lakes and native plant communities are at risk from several species of aquatic exotics, invasive plants, and forest pests. Four species that you should be aware of are:

**Spiny waterflea:** This tiny (1/4-5/8") crustacean zooplankton is native to Eurasia and was introduced into the Great Lakes from the ballast water of ships. They threaten the park's aquatic ecosystems and fishing by competing with native fish for food and by fouling fishing gear.

Spiny waterfleas are spread when either live adult waterfleas or viable resting eggs are transferred to a new body of water. Spiny waterfleas can be transported on bait buckets, anchor ropes, fishing line, boats, waders, nets, or any gear that contacts infested waters.

Spiny waterfleas were first found in Rainy Lake and Namakan Lake in 2006. The large lakes in the park have been declared infested waters. This designation requires that specific actions be taken to prevent the unintended spread of this species to uninfested waters. See the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fishing regulations, the best management practices described below, or stop by a park visitor center for more information.

**Rusty Crayfish:** Rusty crayfish were discovered in the park in 2006. Rusty crayfish are more aggressive than native crayfish and can disrupt aquatic plant and animal communities by eliminating aquatic plants in infested areas. Help slow the spread by following the best management practices for stopping the spread of aquatic exotics described below. Never release any pet or aquarium species of crayfish into lakes, and remember that using live crayfish for bait is prohibited in park waters.

**Emerald Ash Borer:** The emerald ash borer has decimated ash trees in Michigan and is spreading westward, currently to the Chicago area. These insects, and other forest pests, can be transported to the park in contaminated firewood. Please do not bring firewood from outside of the local area. Purchase near the park or collect dead & downed wood near your campsite.

**Eurasian Watermilfoil:** This invasive aquatic plant is moving northward in Minnesota and may reach park waters soon. This plant has been found to interfere with boating, fishing, and swimming and can also crowd out native water plants.

### Best Management Practices for Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

- Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals and mud before leaving the water access.
- Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the water access.
- Dispose of unwanted bait and other aquatic plants and animals in the trash.
- Spray or rinse boats and equipment with water at least 140 degrees F for at least one minute, or dry boats and equipment for five days before moving them to another body of water.
- For more information check out the park's website at [www.nps.gov/voya/natureandscience](http://www.nps.gov/voya/natureandscience)

### Interim Regulations to Protect Interior Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

- artificial bait only (on all interior lakes only)
- no privately-owned watercraft allowed in interior lakes (the park will continue to provide canoes and row boats for rent through the Boats on Interior Lakes program and Commercial Use Authorizations on Mukooda Lake)
- no float plane landings on interior lakes

### Best Management Practices for Using Interior Lakes

- bring a separate set of gear that is likely to contact lake water (including fishing gear) to use on the interior lakes, or before using any gear on an interior lake, make sure that all gear has been thoroughly dried for at least 5 days or washed with hot water (>140 degrees F) for at least one minute
- when leaving any lake, remove aquatic plants and animals, including gelatinous or cotton batting – like material from equipment, including fishing line

## WATCH THE WEATHER

The weather can change rapidly and severely at any time of the year — seek protection behind islands and within safe harbors during thunderstorms. Avoid prolonged exposure to wind and cold as conditions for hypothermia are present year round.

TEMPERATURES (F.)

	Average Highs	Average Lows	Rainfall Average Inches
January	14	-8	0.84
February	22	-1	0.64
March	35	12	0.96
April	51	27	1.38
May	67	40	2.55
June	74	49	3.98
July	79	54	3.37
August	76	51	3.14
September	65	42	3.03
October	52	31	1.98
November	33	16	1.36
December	18	-1	0.7

## NAVIGATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

The U.S. Coast Guard Buoy System: The Coast Guard numbered red and green buoy system is used to guide boaters and mark hazards (see below). To use this system you need to know the direction of lake flow. Namakan, Sand Point and Crane Lakes all flow north or downlake toward Kettle Falls. Kabetogama Lake flows east or downlake to Namakan and Kettle Falls. Rainy Lake flows west or downlake to International Falls. Remember red buoys to your right while traveling uplake (red right return).



Can buoys are green with odd numbers. Keep them to the left when going uplake.



Circled mark means a controlled area including no wake zone.



Nun buoys are red with even numbers. Keep them to the right when going uplake.



Divers flag warns of the presence of divers, who may be just under the surface.





Diamond shape warns of danger. Cross in diamond means boats must keep out.



# Camping and Houseboating

## The Basics

 You need a boat to camp in the park. All campsites are accessible by water only. Car camping is available at the nearby Woodenfrog & Ash River state forest campgrounds and at private campgrounds.

 All individual campsites in the park are free. There is a \$35 per night fee for group campsites (see information below).

A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park (see information below).


Between May 15 and September 15, tent and houseboat camping within the park is limited to 14 days at a specific site, and 30 days in a calendar year.


## Know where you can go!

 Campers and houseboaters may not stay overnight:

- At day-use sites
- Within 200 yards of a designated tent, houseboat, or day use site
- On private or leased land
- Within 1/4 mile of any park developed area (e.g. visitor center)
- Within 1/4 mile of any structure

 Tent campers use tent sites. Tent campers may not stay overnight in houseboat sites or day use sites. Day use is allowed at unoccupied tent sites until 2:00 p.m.

 Houseboaters use houseboat sites. Houseboaters may not stay in tent sites or day use sites. Day use is not allowed at houseboat sites because there are no toilets.


 Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but there is no overnight docking at park visitor centers.

 All sites, except the group campsites and the Voyageurs Narrows accessible campsites, are occupied on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations are available.

 It is illegal to leave unattended property at a campsite overnight.

Developed campsites have tent pads available. No digging, trenching, or leveling is allowed in the park.

 Obey all site closure signs. Closures are established to protect sensitive areas and visitor safety.

 Maximum group sizes are designed to provide enjoyable conditions for visitors and to prevent campsites from being degraded. (See list below.)

Small tent sites – 9 people

Large tent sites – 18 people

Houseboat site – 2 houseboats

Group tent sites – 30 people

## Campfires

 Use a camp stove or build campfires in established fire rings.

Never leave a fire unattended. Drown and stir all campfires with water to be sure they are out cold. If ashes are still warm to the touch they may still start a fire.

Collecting wood for campfires is allowed only if the wood is DEAD and DOWNED. Do not cut down any tree in the park, living or dead, for firewood.

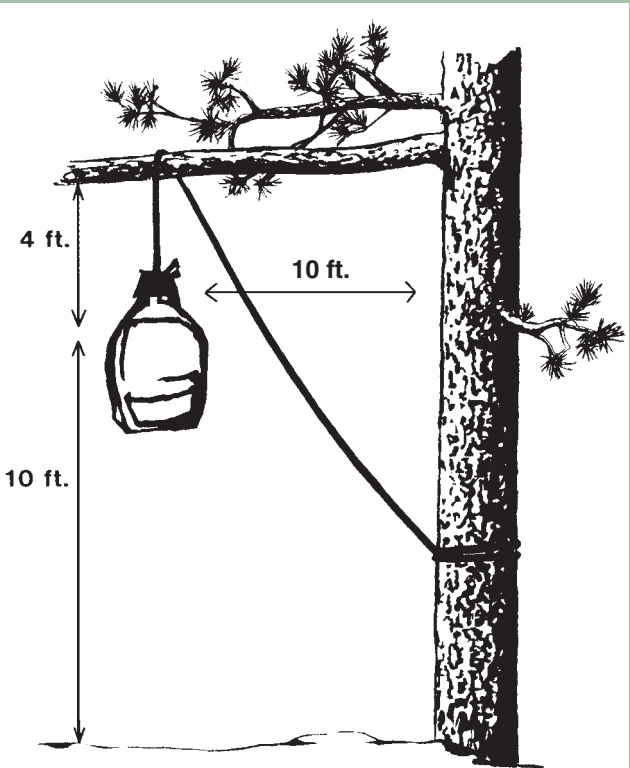
Do not bring firewood into the park from outside of the immediate area unless it is from an approved Minnesota DNR firewood vendor. Gypsy moths, emerald ash borer, and other pests that endanger forest health may be hiding in unapproved firewood. Please help us protect forest health.

## Voyageurs National Park is Bear Country


Store all food, garbage, scented items and equipment used to cook and store food in a vehicle, vessel, metal food storage locker, or hung 10 feet high and 10 feet out from a pole or tree (see diagram). This regulation applies throughout the park.

Stop by a park visitor center for more information on how to store food properly in bear country to discourage bears from making your meal their own.

Coolers will not protect food from bears. Black bears are strong, and placing a rock or other heavy item on top of your cooler will not keep them out. Improperly stored food has drawn black bears to campsites on several occasions, often resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.



## GROUP CAMPSITES

 Do you need a campsite for 14 to 30 people? If you said yes, then we have two group campsites that are just what you need! One site is on Rainy Lake near the west entrance to the Brule Narrows. The other site is on Kabetogama Lake just east of Cuculus Island. The group campsites have a wheelchair-accessible core area.

Reservations are required from May 24 – September 30, 2008. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis during the rest of the year.

Reservations may be made online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-444-6777.



• Permits are not a reservation for a campsite! All campsites are first-come, first-served with the exception of the group campsites and the accessible campsite.

## ACCESSIBLE CAMPSITE

Site N41 at Voyageurs Narrows is an accessible campsite available by reservation only. Call (218) 875-2111 at least one week in advance to request a reservation for use of this site. If you need a lift for this site a three day advance reservation is required.



## STATE FOREST CAMPING

Are you looking for a place to car camp while visiting the park? Two Minnesota state forest campgrounds are located near the park. For more information, call (218) 365-7229 or visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_forests/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index.html).

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**Voyageurs National Park Overnight Permit**

- Only one permit needed per overnight group
- Valid permit = all blocks filled in
- Valid permit = top copy placed in permit box
- **Leave top copy in permit box**
- **Hang bottom copy in plain view from your tent or from the back rail of your houseboat**

Name _____	
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone # _____	
Total # In Group (including self) _____	Total # of Boats _____
Motor Vehicle Make/Model _____	Primary Travel Boat Make _____
License # _____	Color _____
License State _____	
Primary Method of Travel: (circle one)	
water taxi   kayak   cabin cruiser   sailboat   canoe	
private houseboat   motorboat   pontoon   rental houseboat	
other _____	
Date of Entry _____	Entry Location _____
Date of Exit _____	Exit Location _____
Where do you plan to camp? (circle all that apply)	
West (of the Brule Narrows) Rainy Lake   East (of the Brule Narrows) Rainy Lake	
West Kabetogama Lake   East Kabetogama Lake	
West Namakan Lake   East Namakan Lake   Kettle Falls area	
Sandpoint Lake   King Williams Narrows Campground	
Mukooda Lake Campground   Backcountry (includes interior lakes)	
The National Park Service (NPS) retains this information for analysis of overnight use in the park. The NPS does not track the voyage of vessels. Each group should keep a friend or relative informed of its trip itinerary.	
*** READ BACK OF PERMIT ***	
I have read, understand and accept responsibility to follow all Voyageurs National Park regulations stated on the back of this permit.	
Signature _____	Date _____
(park copy)	

Advanced reservations may NOT be made at park visitor centers.

Fee: \$35 per night

Maximum group size is 30 people.

If your group size is less than 14 you may stop by the Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to see if a group campsite is available for use on that day.

Need more details? Stop by a visitor center or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya)

## CAMPING PERMITS

- A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park.
- Permits are not required for day use.
- Permits are available at park visitor centers and adjacent to all park boat launch ramps. Permits are also available at the Woodenfrog State Forest and Crane Lake public boat launch ramp.
- Only one permit for each party (individual or group) per stay is required.
- Your permit must be displayed at your campsite – on your tent, food locker, or on each houseboat.
- Park rangers may visit your site and ask to see your overnight permit. Failure to possess and display a valid overnight permit may result in a citation.



# Hot Topics

## Climate Change in Voyageurs National Park

The Earth is getting warmer. Although the planet has gone through countless cycles of warming and cooling in the past, this current trend is different. There is increasing evidence that most of the temperature increase over the past 50 years is due to greenhouse gases produced by human activities. Greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) trap solar radiation that would otherwise be reflected back into space. This, in turn, heats the planet. Although these gases occur naturally and are precisely what make the planet habitable, the amount of gases produced by human activities far exceeds natural levels. This is leading to an unprecedented warming of the planet.

The average temperature of the Earth has risen 1.3°F (0.7°C) over the last 100 years. Over the same period, however, the northern Midwest and the western Great Lakes region of the United States have warmed by almost 4°F (2°C). This differential phenomenon is happening worldwide – the warming is greatest at high latitudes in the Northern Hemisphere.

Based on predictions from climate models, winter temperatures in Minnesota may rise 4 to 8°F (2.2 – 4.4°C) by the year 2100. Summer temperatures may rise 7 to 16°F (3.8 – 8.8°C) over the same period. Extreme weather events such as heat waves, droughts, windstorms, and thunderstorms may also become more frequent.

### Ecological Effects

One predicted outcome of this change in climate is a northward shift in the ranges of species. Voyageurs National Park is located in an ecological transition zone in which many of the boreal tree species (such as jack pine, white spruce, balsam fir, paper birch, and aspen) are near the southern edges of their ranges. Conversely, trees such as red maple and northern red oak are near their northern boundaries. Because of the park's location, the ecosystems that have largely defined Voyageurs could dramatically change. Boreal species are predicted to recede northwards into Canada while more southerly species will likely move into the park.

In addition, rising temperatures, earlier springs, and more frequent and longer droughts are likely to increase the occurrence

and severity of forest fires. The combined result of species shifts and more fires may be the loss of the boreal forest in Voyageurs National Park. The current forest may be replaced by an oak savanna throughout much of the park.

With a warmer and drier climate, the forests of Voyageurs will also be under increasing assaults from insects and diseases, both native and non-native. Milder winters can result in higher survival of insects. Longer and warmer summers may lead to more insect generations per season, more movement, and a northward expansion of insect ranges. Also, the climate conditions and fire frequency will likely lead to increased insect habitat due to more stressed or injured trees. A warming climate may also contribute to expanded ranges of gypsy moths and other invasive, non-native insects.

The wildlife in Voyageurs is already showing signs of climate-associated stress. Warming temperatures may be contributing to a significant decline in moose in northern Minnesota. Heat stress appears to be making moose more vulnerable to parasites such as liver flukes and brain worms. Birds that rely on insects for food are being impacted by the uncoupling of the timing of insect emergence (related to temperature) and bird migrations and nesting (related to day length).

As the ranges for animals such as moose, Canada lynx, and boreal owls are receding northward out of Voyageurs, the ranges for southern animals such as raccoons, opossum, badger, gray squirrel, and wild turkey are extending toward the park.

The distribution of fish will also change as the temperature of lakes and streams change. With warmer water, fish such as bass

will expand northward while lake trout and other cold water fish will die off. Walleye habitat will likely decrease forcing walleyes into deeper waters during the summer months. Shallow lakes will likely lose their walleye populations. Increasing temperatures and storm frequency will also disrupt the shallow waters in which many species of fish spawn.

A changing climate may affect the recreational experience in Voyageurs also. Increases in severe storm events can impact campers, boaters, and hikers while increased summer temperatures can lead to more heat-related ailments. Although periods of drought will likely exist, researchers predict an increase in intense, short-duration rain storms. These are typically characterized by violent wind, lightning, high waves, and/or flash floods, all of which create hazardous conditions for park visitors.

### National Park Service Actions

Park staff across the country are working to reduce fuel consumption in government vehicles and increase energy-efficiency in government buildings. Staff are also monitoring the waters, forests, and wildlife of their parks for signs of climate-related changes.

It is really up to each of us, though, to make the changes needed to avert a global

crisis. Every individual can take steps to reduce his or her carbon footprint. We can each reduce fuel consumption and associated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by driving more fuel-efficient vehicles, driving slower, and driving fewer miles. We can also make our homes and businesses more energy-efficient, and purchase electricity from renewable sources such as wind. By taking action now, we can reduce the likelihood of disastrous and expensive consequences of global warming.



### Historic Structure Preservation in 2008

Historic structures and their preservation are an important part of the history of Voyageurs National Park. Two of the sixteen properties within Voyageurs National Park will have preservation work done this year.

#### Monson's Hoist Bay Resort

"Monson's Hoist Bay Resort" is located on Namakan Lake. The resort was constructed by Ted and Fern Monson of Ohio starting in 1939 and was operated as a resort until 1973. This historic property represents an important period of recreational history in northern Minnesota. The resort gets its name from the railroad hoist camp that was constructed on the site by the Virginia & Rainy Lake lumber company in 1913.

#### Harry Oveson Fish Camp

Harry Oveson Fish Camp is located on Rainy Lake and is preserved as the last commercial fishing camp in the park. Harry fished commercially for whitefish from 1958 to 1985. Commercial fishing started on a large-scale in this area in the 1890s, primarily for the sale of sturgeon caviar. Small-scale family fishing operations peaked around 1910 when there were 48 licensed commercial fishermen on Rainy Lake and a railroad car full of fish left daily from Ranier to be shipped to distant markets.

Voyageurs has designated Monson's Hoist Bay Resort, the Harry Oveson Fish Camp and 15 other sites as visitor destinations and will eventually provide visitor facilities and media to interpret the history and significance of these places.

### What are Researchers Working on in the Park?

While you are out and about you may notice researchers in boats on the water or on land. Here are a few things researchers are working on in 2008.

#### Canada Lynx in Voyageurs National Park

The Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) is a federally threatened species in the contiguous United States including northern Minnesota and Voyageurs National Park. Minnesota historically contained the best habitat of and the largest population of lynx in the Great Lakes region.

Voyageurs National Park staff recently verified the presence of Canada lynx in the park, making it the only National Park Service unit east of the Rocky Mountains to do so. However, the population status of lynx in Voyageurs is presently unknown. In 2007, snow-track surveys, remote-camera surveys, GPS telemetry, remote sensing, and genetic analysis was used to improve the limited knowledge of Canada lynx ecology in the park. Project results will be used to determine how management actions could affect the recovery of Canada lynx in Voyageurs National Park and adjacent areas in Minnesota.

### Lake Sturgeon; their population characteristics, movements, and habitat use in the Namakan Reservoir

The Lake Sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) is a species of special concern in Minnesota and Ontario. Since the late 1800s, Lake Sturgeon populations have generally declined in the Laurentian Great Lakes. These declines have generally been attributed to loss or fragmentation of crucial spawning, nursery, and feeding habitats.

Sturgeon are present in all of the lakes in the Namakan Reservoir (Namakan, Kabetogama, Sand Point, Crane, and Little Vermilion). However, Voyageurs National Park researchers have little understanding of population characteristics. For example; size and age class distributions and spawning ecology remain unknown in the Namakan system. Sturgeon in the Namakan Reservoir may also be threatened by a recent proposal to generate hydroelectric power on three sites in the Namakan River, Ontario. This river appears to be the major spawning tributary for sturgeon in the Namakan Reservoir and new hydroelectric facilities there could have major impacts on sturgeon spawning and movements. This project, in collaboration with South Dakota State University, will investigate sturgeon popula-

tion characteristics, movements, and habitat quality throughout the Namakan Reservoir using a combination of repeated live-capture and release and acoustic telemetry.

### Assess Nutrient Cycling on Kabetogama Lake

A three year study will begin in May of 2008 during which water quality and sediment samples will be collected in order to assess nutrient loading, both internal and external, to Kabetogama Lake.

Previous studies have shown Kabetogama to have larger nutrient concentrations and thus higher concentrations of algae and more algal blooms than the other large lakes in Voyageurs National Park. Kabetogama is shallower than the other large lakes and mixes frequently, which suggests a possible link between the frequent recirculation and the internal recycling of phosphorus.

Analyses will be used not only to estimate external nutrient loading at inflows and assess the potential contribution of internal phosphorus loading, but also to help determine if water quality changes have occurred since the International Joint Commission (IJC) changed the rules governing dam operation in 2000.

### Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality is a critically important factor influencing the plants and animals that inhabit Voyageurs National Park.

The lakes of Voyageurs National Park have excellent water quality in general, (with the notable exception of mercury contamination), and have been designated as Outstanding Resource Value Waters by the State of Minnesota.

However, there have been and continue to be serious threats to the water quality of the lakes within Voyageurs. Although many of these threats originate outside the park, they can greatly affect water quality within the park. Pollutants that are deposited in the watershed and ultimately into the lakes are one of the primary threats to the park's water quality.

Mercury is one harmful pollutant that is predominantly delivered to the park via aerial deposition. This has led to elevated mercury levels in many types of animals within Voyageurs National Park and has made fish consumption advisories necessary on all lakes within the park. Excessive nutrients are another threat to water quality. Although natural runoff from the landscape delivers nutrients to park lakes, shoreline development, inadequate wastewater containment and treatment, and general human disturbance of the landscape can lead to increased nutrient delivery from the watershed into rivers and lakes. An excess of nutrients in aquatic systems leads to excessive plant growth and blooms of blue-green algae (cyanobacteria). These blooms can be harmful to the aquatic ecosystem, and some produce toxins that can harm wildlife, pets, and people.

### What is the Park Doing About Water Quality?

Voyageurs National Park and the National Park Service Great Lakes Inventory and Monitoring Network maintain a water quality monitoring program to keep track of the status of the park's water quality. This serves as a warning system to alert park management of possible impacts to the park's aquatic resources. It also provides useful data for many aquatic research studies, including studies of fish and nearshore vegetation. The water quality monitoring program allows park management to accurately report to the International Joint Commission (IJC), which sets the rules governing dam operations and allowable high and low water levels, regarding the water quality of the park. This is important since water level fluctuations can affect water quality.

### How Can You Help?

Remember these simple things to make a big impact in Voyageurs National Park and where you live.

- Use care when fueling boats so that gasoline or oil will not spill into the lakes.
- When camping in the park use biodegradable soap and wash at least 200 feet from the water's edge.
- Use non-toxic fishing tackle. One lead sinker is all it takes to poison and kill a loon. Non-toxic (lead-free) fishing tackle is for sale in park visitor centers.
- Observe wildlife from a distance. Stay 1/4 mile away from a closed area.

To help prevent aquatic exotics from spreading to uninfected waters:

- Check tires, shoes, jackets and other items for hitchhiking plants or seeds before heading down the trail, or moving from one location to another
- Get the facts. Learn to recognize invasive species and familiarize yourself with their effects on native plants and wildlife



Photo: Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources



# Winter in Voyageurs National Park

## Looking For Something To Do?

Winter visitors enjoy the beauty of Voyageurs National Park by snowmobile, on cross-country skis, in an auto on the ice road, on snowshoes or in ice-fishing houses. Voyageurs invites visitors who want to get out of the cold to come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

### Rainy Lake Visitor Center Winter Hours and Services

October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008  
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
January 2, 2009 – mid-May 2009  
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873

#### The visitor center offers:

- Voyageurs National Park information
- Convenient snowmobile parking
- Trail and ice condition updates
- A cozy fire and hot cocoa

- A children's corner
- Maps of ski, snowshoe and snowmobile trails
- Bookstore
- Life-size bull moose
- Exhibits and films
- Snowshoes for loan
- Cross-country ski rentals for adults and free loan program for kids

### Winter Programs

On Sundays, mid-January through mid-March, Voyageurs National Park offers winter programs at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873, Wednesday – Sunday for a schedule of events or visit [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya). Schedule available in December.

## Cross-Country Skiing

Enjoy the tranquility of cross-country skiing in Voyageurs National Park. Area ski trails (groomed and tracked unless noted) include:

### Black Bay Ski Trail

Located one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center on the Rainy Lake Ice Road and offers 6 miles of trail.

### Voyageurs' Tilson Connector Trail

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources manages this ten mile network of interconnected ski trails. Several routes are possible, ranging from short loops to longer excursions. You can access this system from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center area on the park's Tilson Connector Trail.

### Echo Bay Trail

This 3.5 mile loop trail is located a few miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (closed winter). Follow County Road 122 north toward the Woodenfrog State Forest campground to access the trailhead.

### Kab-Ash Trail

This challenging backcountry trail system is 27.87 miles of ungroomed trail and is for the experienced skier. Bring a map and be prepared for winter travel in a remote area if exploring the Kab-Ash trail in winter.

## Snowshoeing

Explore the winter landscape on one of the park's three tracked snowshoe trails.

### Blind Ash Bay Trail

(2.5 miles round trip). The trailhead is at the Kabetogama Lake Overlook parking lot along the road to the Ash River Visitor Center.



### Sullivan Bay Trail

(1.5 miles round trip). Follow signs to the Ash River Visitor Center. The trailhead is just past the Beaver Pond Overlook on the north side of Sullivan Bay.

### Oberholtzer Trail

(2 miles round trip)

The trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

## Rainy Lake Ice Road

The 7-mile Rainy Lake Ice Road extends from the boat launch ramp at Rainy Lake Visitor Center to the mouth of Cranberry Bay.

The ice road is open to cars and trucks of less than 7,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight. SNOWMOBILES are NOT permitted on the ice road.

**The speed limit is 30 MPH**

When heavy snow, slush, or thin ice exists, the ice road may be closed or shortened for safety. Travel beyond the plowed section is unsafe.

## Ice Fishing

Ghostly winter quiet, rugged piney shorelines, and outstanding angling make Voyageurs National Park an ice angler's dream. Place icehouses at least 50 feet from the center of snowmobile trails and the ice road. Check ice conditions before going out. Fishing license and icehouse registration is required.



SERVICES

OUTDOOR FUN

SNOWMOBILING

## Snowmobilers

Snowmobiling is allowed on frozen lake surfaces and designated safety portages in Voyageurs National Park. The park provides 110 miles of staked and groomed trails for snowmobiling.

All land areas, including rock faces, are closed to snowmobiles with the exception of designated safety portages. Hill climbing is prohibited.

Obey all closure signs. Areas are closed to protect your safety and to protect sensitive resources.

### Be Safe!

- Carry a trail map with you
- Keep to the right on trails
- Leave a route plan with someone

### Watch For

Pressure ridges – they change the surface of the lake. Always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Pressure ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes on each side.

Slush and open water – avoid them by staying on staked and groomed trails.

## Trail Conditions

Voyageurs National Park trail conditions are posted weekly at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya). Click on “news” or “winter trail report” for detailed information.

International Falls, 1-800-FALLS MN

Kabetogama Lake, 1-800-524-9085

Ash River, 1-800-950-2061

Crane Lake, 1-877-466-7669 (466-SNOW)

## Voyageurs National Park

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## ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS

45  
mph

Lake Surfaces

25  
mph

Land Portages



**DRINKING AND  
SNOWMOBILING  
DON'T MIX!**

It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



# LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Kabetogama Lake				Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan; P-Public Dining; L-Lounge/Bar; (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait; D-Dump Station; I-Ice; L-Fishing License; P-Parking Lot; R-Groceries; S-Shower; G-Gas; F-Firewood; (FGO)-For Guests Only.	Campsites & Services : W-Water; E-Electricity; S-Sewer; D-Dump Station; B-Bathroom; T-Tent Sites; RV-RV Sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing; R-Runabout; C-Canoe; P-Paddleboat; PO-Pontoon; K-Kayak; S-Sailboat; RB-Rowboat; D-Dockage; N-Snowmobile; (FGO)-For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach; P-Pool	R-Recreation Room; P-Playground	Season of Operation (All year may include shutdown periods.)						
Kabetogama Tourism Bureau Lake Kabetogama, MN 56669 (218) 875-2621 or (800) 524-9085 www.kabetogama.com																		
Arrowhead Lodge and Resort arrowheadlodgeresort.com (866) 847-7118 (218) 875-2141				16	1	ALP	BDISGF	3WESDRV	FCPODK	B	P	All Year						
Birch Grove Resort birchgroveresort.com (877) 878-4502, (218) 875-2172				6	1		BIPRG	4WEBSTRV	FCP	B		May-Oct.						
Birchwood Resort birchwood-resort.com (218) 875-2503				4	2				FPO			All Year						
Carlson's Harmony Beach Resort harmonybeachresort.com (218) 875-2811				17	3		BIPG	4WEBTRV	KPD(FGO), F	B	P	All Year						
Deer Horn Resort deerhornresort.com (888) 600-3337, (218) 875-3861				7	2		BIG		F			May-Oct.						
Driftwood Lodge Resort driftwoodlodgeresort.com (888) 816-1529, (218) 875-3841				13	2		BIG(FGO)		F		RP	May-Sept.						
Dyrstad's Retreat (218) 875-2532				2	7		BG(FGO)		FC(FGO)	B		May-Sept.						
Eagle Wing Resort eaglewingresort.com (218) 875-3111				4			BIG		F(FGO)	B	P	May-Sept.						
Grand View Resort/Tall Timber grandviewresort.net (218) 875-2171				10	1		BIG		FCPOP	B	P	May-Sept.						
Herseth's Tomahawk Resort hersethstomahawkresort.com (888) 834-7899, (218) 875-2352				9	2		BIG		FCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.						
Kec's Kove fishandgame.com/kecs (800) 777-8405, (218) 875-2841				7	1	APL	BIG		F		RP	All Year						
Lakeview Resort lakeviewkabetogama.com (507) 696-9341 (877) 422-2471				9	1	L	BIR		FPPO	B	RP	May-Oct.						
Moosehorn Resort moosehornresort.com (800) 777-7968, (218) 875-3491				9	2		BIPGF	7WESRV	FCPRKRBD	B	P	All Year						
Narbo's Viking Retreat (218) 875-2051				2	1			4WESRV	POFCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.						
North Star Resort (218) 875-2175				7	3		BG		F(FGO)		P	May-Sept.						
Northern Lights Resort nlro.com (800) 318-7023, (218) 875-2591				10	3		BIPGF	1WESRV	FCKPO	B	RP	All Year						
Park Point Resort parkpoint.com (800) 272-4533				7	3		BI	3WEBSRV	F(FGO)	B		May-Oct.						
Pine Aire Resort pineaire.com (877) 875-2161, (218) 875-2161				9	1	L	BILPRSG	20WEBTRV	POFCPK	B	RP	All Year						
Pine Tree Cove pinetreecove.com (218) 875-2088				6	2		IG	2WEDTRV	FC			May-Oct.						
Pokorny's Resort & Campground (218) 875-2481				6	1	PL	BIDPRSG	19WEDBRV	FPR	B	R	May-Oct.						
Red Pine Lodge & Resort redpineresort.com (218) 875-2441				16	3	APL	BIPGS	12WESBTRV	F		R	All Year						
Sandy Point Lodge & Outfitters sandypointlodge.com (800) 777-8595, (218) 875-2615				16	1	APL	BIPSGF	4WEBRV	FCPO	B	P	All Year						
Snyder's Idlewild Resort idlewildresort.com (888) 483-4608, (218) 875-3831				11	3		BIG	4WEBRV	FP(FGO)	P	RP	May-Sept.						
Voyageur Park Lodge voyageurparklodge.com (800) 331-5694, (218) 875-2131				14	2		BIG(FGO)		FCPPO(FGO)	B	RP	May-Sept.						
Woodenfrog Campground State of Minnesota dnr.state.mn.us (218) 365-7229								63WTRV		B		May-Oct.						
Commercial Services							Outfitters	Fishing Guides	Winter Guides	Camping &/or Canoeing Guides	Water Taxi & Boat Charter	Air Charter	Marine Repair &/or Towing	Ice Fishing Guide &/or Shelters	Snow-mobile Guide	Boat Rentals	Gas	
CRANE LAKE	Dave's Guide Service davesguideservice.biz (218) 993-2453				✓			✓										
	Eggen, Butch Guide Service (218) 993-2909				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓				
	Galbraith, Butch (218) 741-7122				✓			✓				towing						
	Jacobson, Lawrence (800) 433-0743				✓													
	Norway Lodge norwaylodge.com (218) 993-2226																✓	
	Ostberg, Anders (218) 993-2295				✓													
	Pine Point Lodge & Resort pinepointlodge.com (800) 628-4446, (218) 993-2311				✓			✓					✓				✓	✓
	Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort (218) 993-2330																✓	
	T&T Barging (218) 374-3891																	✓
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats houseboatvacation.com (800) 882-6287					✓				✓			✓				✓	✓	
ASH RIVER	Davis, Bob captrobcrunch@peoplepc.com (563) 326-0979, (563) 340-5236				✓				✓			towing						
	Kettle Falls Hotel (218) 240-1726							✓										✓
	Ash-Ka-Nam Resort (218) 374-3183				✓	✓			✓			towing	✓					
KABETOGRAMA LAKE	Arrowhead Lodge (218) 875-2141				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓
	B.J.'s Guide Service (888) 834-7899, (218) 273-6230				✓							towing						
	Chuck's Guide Service (218) 875-2025				✓			✓		✓		towing						
	Granger Guide Service fishingkabetogama.com winter (956) 454-3841, (218) 875-3062				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		welding						
	Herseth's Tomahawk Resort hersethstomahawkresort.com (888) 834-7899				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓						✓
	Frank House				✓		✓					towing						
	Kabetogama Angling/Voyageur Adventures (218) 875-2075				✓	✓	✓	✓										
	Nev's Guide Service (866) 336-5614, (218) 875-3961				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓							
	Northern Memories Guide Service (218) 875-2091				✓		✓	✓	✓									
	Pine Tree Cove (218) 875-2121				✓		✓	✓	✓			towing						✓
	Sandy Point Lodge (800) 777-8595							✓	✓					✓				
	Snyder's Idlewild Resort idlewildresort.com (218) 875-3831				✓			✓										✓
	Jerry Snyder Guide Service (218) 875-3831				✓			✓										
RAINY LAKE	Albrecht, Billy (218) 286-5422				✓				✓									
	Arnold, Pat (218) 285-9100				✓				✓									
	Boreal Explorations (218) 286-5487				✓		✓	✓										
	Christenson, Dean (218) 283-1202				✓	✓			✓		✓							
	Christenson, Dennis (218) 285-3435				✓													
	Doc Holiday Guide Service (218) 286-2068				✓		✓	✓										
	Erickson, Kevin (218) 285-9598				✓													
	Gushulak, John (218) 274-2112				✓				✓									
	Havvy's Guide Service (218) 286-5077				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								
	Heiss, Robert (218) 286-3147				✓													
	Klow, Jeff (218) 286-1126				✓				✓									
	One Doggie's Guide Service (218) 875-2412				✓													
	Rainy Lake Houseboats rainylakehouseboats.com (800) 554-9188				✓	✓		✓				✓						✓
	Renollet, Al (218) 283-3768				✓	✓		✓				✓						
	Ron, Jean (218) 283-4400				✓			✓				towing						
	Schmidt's Fish Guiding Service (218) 324-0668, (218) 286-2028				✓	✓												
	Scott's Rainy Lake Guide Service (218) 290-1607, (218) 286-3151				✓	✓		✓	✓									
	Trask, Jeff (218) 244-4837 (218) 283-6146				✓		✓	✓	✓									
	Two fish Outdoor Adventures (218) 285-7050				✓	✓	✓	✓					✓					
	Williams, Mike (218) 286-3591							✓	✓				✓					
	Wizard Charters (763) 494-4760, (218) 286-4040				✓													
	Woody's Fairly Reliable Guide Service fairlyreliable.com (218) 286-5001				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓



# LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Rainy Lake, Ranier & Int’l Falls International Falls Area Convention & Visitors Bureau 301 2nd Avenue International Falls, MN 56649 (800) 325-5766 or (218) 283-9400 www.rainylake.org				Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan; P-Public Dining; L-Lounge/Bar; (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait; D-Dump Station; I-Ice; L-Fishing License; P-Parking Lot; R-Groceries; S-Shower; G-Gas; K-Bikes; (FGO)-For Guests Only; F-Firewood	Campsites & Services : W-Water; E-Electricity; S-Sewer; D-Dump Station; B-Bathroom; T-Tent Sites; RV-RV Sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing; R-Runabout; C-Canoe; P-Paddleboat; PO-Pontoon; K-Kayak; S-Sailboat; RB-Rowboat; D-Dockage; N-Snowmobile; (FGO)-For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach; P-Pool	R-Recreation Room; P-Playground	Season of Operation (All year may include shutdown periods.)
Arnold’s Campground & RV Park	(218) 285-9100		1	B		PDS	WESDB6T18RV					April-Oct.
Bear Ridge Guest House	bearridgeguesthouse.com	(218) 286-5710	2	B					FCS(FGO)			All Year
Birch Point Camp	(218) 286-3541	(218) 286-3414	3	3			EBWTDREV		FD	B		May-Sept.
Budget Host Inn	budgethostinn.net	(800) (880-2577)	28	1		I						All Year
Camp Idlewood	campidlewood.com	(888) 741-1228,	9	2		GI			FCPD(FGO)	B	RP	All Year
Casa Loma Vacation Home		(800) 554-9188	1	3								All Year
Days Inn Motel	daysinn.com	(800) 329-7466,	58	1		I					R	All Year
Falls Motel	fallsmotel.com	(800) 328-8435,	25	1		I						All Year
Hilltop Motel & Cabins	hilltopmotelifalls.com	(800) 322-6671,	16	1		I						April-Oct.
Holiday Inn	holidayinnifalls.com	(800) 331-4443,	126	1	PL	I				P	R	All Year
International Voyageur RV Park		(218) 283-4679				I	WESDB60RV				RP	May-Sept.
Island View Bed & Breakfast	bedandbreakfast.com	(888) 848-8890	3	1								All Year
Island View Lodge & Cabins	gotorainylake.com	(800) 777-7856,	23	1-3	APL	BIGL			C(FGO), FKDPO	B	RP	All Year
The Lakeview, Cabins and RV Park		(800) 888-5737,	5	30			WESD3RV		D(FGO)	B		May-Oct.
Northernaire Houseboats of Rainy Lake	northernairehouseboats.com	(800) 854-7958,	16 Houseboats			ILRG			FPOC(FGO)			May-Sept.
Northern Lights Motel		(800) 889-6009,	22	1		I						All Year
Rainy Lake Houseboats	rainylakehouseboats.com	(800) 554-9188	29 Houseboats			BIGRLF			F			May-Sept.
Rambler Motel	ramblermotel.com	(800) 273-0464,	22	1		I						All Year
River Mist Retreat, Vacation Home		(309) 944-5056	6									All Year
Rainy Lake Inn & Suites	rainylakeinn.com	(218) 286-5699,	4	1		Ice Cream,SK			FPCDR			All Year
Sha-Sha Resort		(800) 685-2776,	8		PL	IG			FCD	B	RP	May-Oct.
Super 8 Motel	super8.com	(800) 800-8801,	53	1		I						All Year
Tee Pee Motel	geocities.com/teepeemotel	(800) 850-1518,	40	1		I						All Year
Thunderbird Lodge	thunderbirdrainylake.com	(800) 351-5133	25	1-3	PL	GIP			FRCPPOD		P	All Year
Voyageurs Motel		(218) 283-9424	20	1		I						April-Oct.
WoodsPort Cottages	woodsport.com	(218) 286-4034	3	3								All Year
Woody’s Rainy Lake Resort	fairlyreliable.com	(866) 410-5001	8	3	PL	BIPG			N(FGO)FRCPOD	B	P	All Year
Crane Lake Crane Lake Visitor and Tourism Bureau 7238 Handberg Rd. • Crane Lake, MN 55725 (800) 362-7405 • www.visitcranelake.com												
Anderson Outfitters	anderson-outfitters.com	(800) 777-7186,	1	1		BILPRSG			FC			May-Oct.
Camp 40 Outfitters	camp40.com	(800) 269-7377	8	1		BISG	B		CRPOK			All Year
Dave’s Guide Service	davesguideservice.biz	(218) 993-2453	1	3								All Year
Gateway Resort Outfitters	gatewayresort.net	(218) 993-2415	4	1					FC			All Year
Handberg’s Marine	handbergs.com	(218) 993-2214				BIFPRG	RVWES		FRD		P	All Year
Island Cabin	visitcranelake.com/island_cabin/	(218) 993-2445	1									May-Oct.
Lakeview Motel	lkvmotel.com	(800) 628-4446	3	1		P			FRPPORBD			May-Oct.
Nelson’s Resort	nelsonsresort.com	(800) 433-0743,	27	1	APL	BILPRSG			FPO	B	RP	May-Sept.
Norway Lodge	norwaylodge.com	(800) 269-7377,	4	1		I			FRCPPOKD		P	May-Nov.
Olson’s Northern Aire		(218) 993-2435	1									May-Nov.
Pine Point Lodge & Resort	pinepointlodge.com	(800) 628-4446,	12	1	L	BILPRG			FCPRPOSRBD	B	RP	May-Oct.
Pine Ridge Motel	pineridgemotel.com	(888) 310-4225,	4	1								All Year
Sand Point Lodge		(218) 290-6854	5	1	P	BILRSG			FC	B		May-Oct.
Scott’s Peaceful Valley Resort	scottsppeacefulvalley.com	(218) 993-2330	6	2		SG			F	B	RP	May-Sept.
Scott’s Resort & Seaplane Base	cranelakeresort.com	(800) 993-8576	3	1	PL	BILPG			POFP	B	P	All Year
Sherrick’s Wilderness Resorts		(218) 374-3531 or winter	8	7		G			FCPO			May-Sept.
Trail’s End Resort	trails-end-resort.com	(888) 844-2251,	11	1	PL		8RV		F	B		All Year
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats	houseboatvacation.com	(800) 882-6287		1	APL	BDILPSG	D (for boats only) B		FCR PPOKN	B	P	All Year
Voyageurs Landing Resort	voyageurslanding.com	(218) 993-2401,	5	1		P						All Year
Waterfront Home		(218) 993-2600	1									May-Oct.
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Wildwood Escape-Deluxe Privacy	wildwoodescape.com	(952) 334-0135	2	1					F(FGO)			All Year
Ash River Ash River Information Center Orr, MN 55771 (800) 950-2061 • www.ashriver.com												
Ash-Ka-Nam Resort	ashkanam.com	(800) 950-1081,	11	1	APL	BIPG	5WESDRV		FCN			All Year
Ash River Campground	State of Minnesota dnr.state.mn.us	(218) 753-2245					9WTRV					All Year
Ash Riviera		(866) 255-1680,	6	3		IPS (FGO)	1 ERV		FRPRBD (FGO)			May-Sept.
Ash Trail Lodge	ashtrail lodge.com	(800) 777-4513,	17	1	APL	BILPG			FRPORB		P	All Year
Ebel’s Voyageur Houseboats	ebels.com	(800) 253-5475,	20 Houseboats			BILRGF			FCRKPO			May-Sept.
Frontier Resort	frontierresort.net	(866) 950-2986,	11	3	PL	BIPRG	8WEDRV		FPO		P	All Year
Kettle Falls Hotel	kettlefallshotel.com	winter (218) 875-2070,	20	1	PL	BRSGIL			FCKP			May-Sept.
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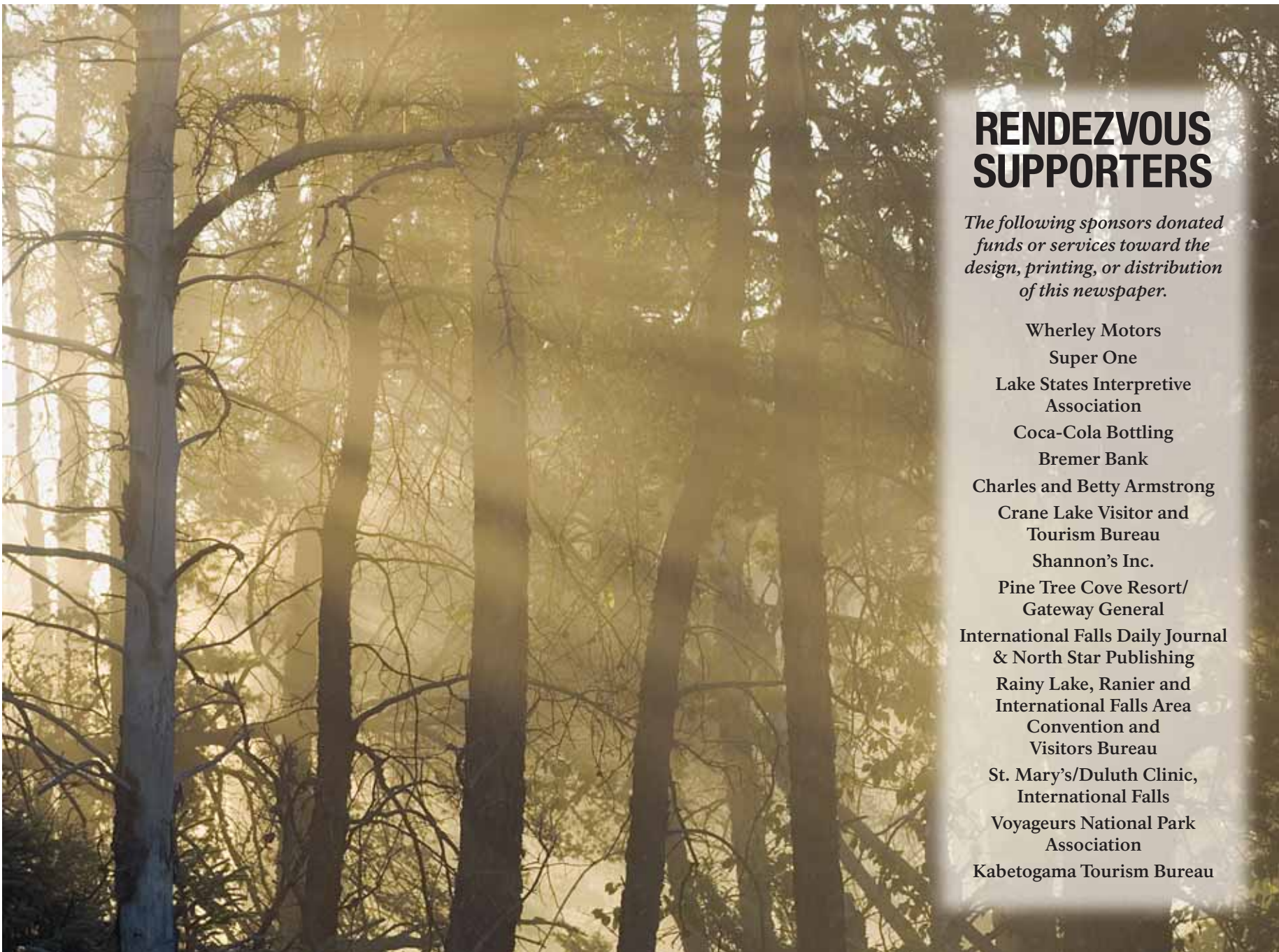


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